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## HAPPY NEW YEAR <> JANUARY, 2007



TONY, WØPGL, J.D., WBØVHG, MARK, NØZOF, FRED, KBØWIL

### 2007 HARC OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT:** MARK CARPENTER, NØZOF  
**V-PRES:** J.D. SINCLAIR, WBØVHG  
**SECRETARY:** FRED MILLER, KBØWIL  
**TREASURER:** TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL  
**TRUSTEE:** CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA  
**EDITOR:** BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 10, 2007 at 7:30 PM

Meeting held at Beth Haven Nursing Home  
 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.  
 Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

### **2007 ARRL TEST DATES:**

**The FCC exams in Hannibal for 2007**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2007 - 8:30 p.m.**

The exam session will be at the Beth Haven

Nursing Home in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO.  
 Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Cliff Ahrens KØCA at k0ca@arrl.net or 573-221-8618.

The 2007 test fee is still \$14.00 and goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.



*Well, it is that time of year to make our New Year Resolutions. Here are a few suggestions for us HAMS'*

- Get on the air more, you worked hard to get that license, use it.
- Finish at least one of your amateur radio projects that you started earlier
- Get acquainted with the new band plan, and changes in licensing.
- Introduce someone to HAM radio, and help them become an Amateur Radio Operator. and bring them to a club meeting.
- Help to keep up the tradition of respect and pride that amateur radio deserves.
- If we do even one of the above things, that will be a great accomplishment.

73's Bonnie, WBØWAP



## HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING

As recorded by: Fred-KB0WIL, HARC Secretary

Date: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Location: Beth Haven Nursing Home 2500 Pleasant  
St. Hannibal Mo 63401

Meeting called to order by: Mark-N0ZOF

### Approval of minutes in last newsletter:

Date of previous meeting: November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Motion to approve by: J.D.-WB0VHG

Motion Seconded by: Carol-WA9EFV

### Treasurers report:

Tony-W0PGL Cash-\$1,156.34 CD-\$1,158.68

Total-\$2,315.02

Motion to approve by: Mel-KC0HYY

Motion Seconded by: Howie-WD0DFW

### Repeater report:

Tony-W0PGL & Fred-KB0WIL

No problems with the repeaters, they are operating  
as intended.

### Hospital report:

Tony-W0PGL, J.D.-WB0VHG & Fred-KB0WIL

Nothing to report, we haven't heard anything back  
in regards to the OCF antenna that the Hospital  
ordered. They received the information on 10-16-  
06.

### HARC Dinner February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Don't forget that the club is going to be having a  
Dinner/ Get-together on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>,  
2007 at the Golden Corral -6:00PM. Each member  
is responsible for there own payment of the meal.  
We have the back room reserved, non-smoking  
section.

### Bandpass filters:

We discussed about purchasing 20 & 40 meter  
bandpass filters. They can handle up to 200 watts.  
The cost is \$38.00 each. The company is Industrial  
Communication Engineers located in Indianapolis  
Indiana. We agreed to do some further  
investigation , in regards to Insertion loss and  
Isolation. Cliff-K0CA and Fred-KB0WIL will do the  
research and report back to the club at the next  
meeting in January 2007.

### HARC Member of the year Award 2006:

Bonnie-WB0WAP was voted as the HARC member  
of the year award. Congratulations to Bonnie, she  
does an excellent job as the club newsletter editor.  
We will present Bonnie with the plaque at the  
Supper in February 2007.

### 2007 Officer Nominations:

We voted tonight for the officers in 2007 and here  
they are:

President: Mark-N0ZOF

Vice President: J.D.-WB0VHG

Treasurer: Tony-W0PGL

Secretary: Fred-KB0WIL

**Special Note: The club wants to thank Oral-  
KB0ECF who did a great job as President  
this year of 2006.**

### New member:

The club has a new member,

**E. W. Branstetter - W0EWB**

Thanks for joining the club.

Motion to approve membership made by:

Cliff-K0CA

Seconded by: Tony-W0PGL



**Raffle:**

We are raffling off a 2005 ARRL handbook, that is still in its new wrapper. The cost is \$2:00 each or 3 for \$5:00. Buy a ticket and help support the club.

**50/50:**

The 50/50 was won tonight by Victor-KC0QEY.

**VE Testing:**

The club is having VE testing at the next meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007. We will have the testing right after the meeting, approximately 8:30 PM. Contact Cliff-K0CA if you want to take an examination.

**Christmas Party:**

Tonight we had a little party during the meeting, which consisted of some very good snacks. Thanks to everyone who brought in something to eat.

**DUES ! DUES ! DUES !**

Don't forget that the club dues for 2007 are now due. Please renew your membership now, if you haven't already done so. Anyone who hasn't paid by at least March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 will be taken off of the club roster.

Number of members present: 16

Number of guests: 3

**Motion to adjourn meeting:**

Motion made by: Cliff-K0CA

Seconded by: Bonnie-WB0WAP

**LISTEN UP,**



**From The President's Desk  
Mark - NØZOF**

New Beginnings: This is the first news letter of the New Year and as your new president I am excited about 2007. The coming months will see some changes as you are all aware. Field day will be a little different this year. The changes in the FCC

spectrum allocation will allow us to make better use of the operating frequencies and hopefully the band conditions will begin to improve this year. This cycle promises to be outstanding when it peaks so we should see lots of good conditions in the months ahead. If you have other suggestions or have programs in mind you would like to see this year please let me know. Contesting? Special Events? Public Service? Lets make this year special for all of us.

*Happy New Year*



*Around the World*

**DX & Computer Horizons  
January 2007  
by Cliff Ahrens K0CA**

As we celebrate the holidays and usher in the year 2007, there's lots of exciting DX and FCC news. The big news is that on December 19, the FCC released its Report and Order which eliminates the Morse code exam requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes, and gives Technician and Technician Plus licensees identical operating privileges. The effective date of the changes is uncertain, but it could be as early as February, 2007. The changes do not take effect until 30 days after publication of the Report and Order in the Federal Register.

As reported last month, the FCC "omnibus" amateur radio Report and Order which became effective December 15, 2006, expanded the phone bands on 80 and 40 meters, and made other changes to amateur radio operating privileges. Check out the new operating privileges and download the chart at:

[http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/Hambands\\_color.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/Hambands_color.pdf)







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\*The above information is copied from pg 136 , QST, January 2007.



### The New Year: Celebrate Good Fortune & Good Food

Celebration of the New Year has been tied to food and the harvest for more than 4,000 years.

New Year's celebrations have evolved into social occasions when wishes for good fortune and prosperity are exchanged, often in the form of food. In the U.S., how you celebrate is often a function of your own cultural heritage: Southerners swear by black-eyed peas for good luck during the year, and German-Americans wouldn't dream of starting the New Year without pork and sauerkraut.

New Year's celebrations exist in virtually every country in the world. In some, the advent of the New Year is the most culturally significant holiday, while in others it is merely one of the Twelve Days of Christmas, which end with the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. Some are:

**African-American:** While New Year's Day falls within the contemporary celebration of Kwanzaa, it is also referred to as Emancipation Day or Jubilee Day. On New Year's Day in 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation announcing the abolition of slavery was read in Boston. Today, "watch services" are still held in many African-American churches in observance of that day. Among the foods associated with the New Year, some African customs have become traditional like the serving of ham hocks, black-eyed peas, collard greens and macaroni and cheese. Benné wafers

(sesame and cheese "coins"), which represent money, are also popular as symbols of future prosperity.

**Greece:** The Greeks celebrate the beginning of the New Year by sharing traditional sweet bread into which a coin has been baked. The bread is sliced at midnight and whoever gets the coin is believed to have good luck for the year.

**Ireland:** The Celtic New Year was traditionally November 1 – the first day of winter. The wealthiest villager generally slaughtered and roasted a pig (or some animal), inviting all of the villagers to a celebration. Children were also given oranges on New Year's Day as a special treat.

**Mexico:** In Mexico, the Christmas celebration of *posadas* culminates on January 6 in the *Fiesta de los Reyes*. On that day, the King's Cake (*rosca de reyes*) is served. The cake is formed into a ring to symbolize a crown, and a doll is hidden in the dough. The one who finds the doll becomes the king for the day and must select a queen. The "royal" couple then must host a party on Candlemas (February 2), when candles are lit for purification of the Virgin Mary.

**Poland:** The Poles celebrate the New Year much as we do in the U.S., with much celebration on New Year's Eve. New Year's Day festivities might include a hayride into the forest where a bonfire is set and sausages and *bigos* are served (with a little bit of the hair of the dog).

**Wales:** For the Welsh, like the Scots, the New Year's celebration is a much bigger occasion than Christmas, especially as a feast day. The Welsh New Year actually occurs on January 13 and traditional foods include a roast goose, potato pudding and rice pudding.



Following are a couple of recipes that I found on Google Search that sounded easy and good.

## Piglet's New Years Recipes

### From: Piglet

Flang a bunch of black-eyed peas together with some onions, a touch of garlic, a hambone, and (here's where my Texan ancestors come in) a couple of dried red chiles.....

Do a load of cornbread in a cast iron skillet in the oven (Mexican cornbread, ie with peppers and whole corn is acceptable; sugar is \*not\*), and pile those peas on the cornbread.

That's the Southern side of the family.....from spouse's side we get breakfast:

Take the last of the homemade Polish sausage from Christmas, should you manage to have hid some, chop into tiny bits, and scramble with eggs.

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### Non- Alcoholic Mock Champaign

1- bottle (64 oz.) white grape juice

1- 2 liter bottle of Sprite

Mix the juice and sprite in equal amounts.

Garnish with orange slices, maraschino cherries, or strawberries.

## RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Take twelve whole months.  
Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness,  
hate, and jealousy.  
Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day  
- one part of faith,  
- one part of patience.

- one part of courage,
- one part of work.

Add to each day

- one part of hope,
- faithfulness,
- generosity,
- kindness.

Blend with

- one part prayer,
- one part meditation,
- one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits,  
a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play,  
and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all this into a vessel of love.  
Cook thoroughly over radiant joy,  
garnish with a smile,  
and serve with quietness,  
unselfishness, and cheerfulness.  
You're bound to have a happy new year!

### HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB DUES:

You may send your dues to the H.A.R.C., P.O. Box 1522, Hannibal, Mo. 63401, or to S. L. Gilliland, P. O. Box 227, New London, MO, 63459, or you may pay them at the monthly meetings. Meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. A single membership is \$20.00, an additional member of the Family, (Child or Spouse) may be added for an additional \$5.00. (I.e. Husband and wife \$25.00). Full time Students \$5.00. If you are a brand new HAM, membership for the first year is free. Membership dues in the club help pay for repeater repairs, upkeep, newsletters, and other expenses that make our club successful. Our bank account usually totals between \$800.00 and \$1200.00 plus or minus. We have ongoing monthly expenses of approximately \$15.00 for copies of the newsletter and postage to send it to those who do not have computers. We pay dues for our membership in the ARLHS etc. Repeater repairs can come at any time, and one good lightning strike could wipe out the treasury, so we appreciate your support and thank you for your continued membership in the Club.



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